AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Page 1, on line 4, replace the heading with the following amended heading:

--~~TECHNOLOGICAL BACKGROUND~~ DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 1, on line 13, replace the heading with the following amended heading:

--~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 1, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the present invention, the compositions contain 1 to 200 mg of anthocyanosides, and/or 1 to 200 mg of procyanidins, and 1 to 200 mg of ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols.-

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--~~Floroglucinols~~ Phloroglucinols exert strong bacteriostatic action on a great number of bacteria and fungi strains. The minimum inhibitory concentration values of some ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols on gram+ bacteria, gram- anaerobic

bacteria and strains of *Candida albicans* range from 0.5 to 4 μg/ml.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the present invention, ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols can be derived from *Hypericum* spp. extracts, preferably *Hypericum perforatum*, or from ~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus* spp. extracts, preferably ~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus communis*, or from *Humulus* spp. fractions, preferably *Humulus lupulus*, enriched in α and β acids. According to the invention, the fraction of β-acids prepared from *Humulus lupulus* contains 20 to 80%, preferably 60%, of ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols expressed as colupulone; the fraction of α-acids contains 20 to 80%, preferably 60%, of humulone.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the present invention, among the *Hypericum* sp. extracts, particularly preferred is a *Hypericum perforatum* extract with a ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols (adhyperforin/hyperforin) content ranging from 20 to 80%, preferably 60%.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 27, bridging pages 2 and 3, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the present invention, the ~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus communis* extract is prepared from the leaves, by extraction with

carbon dioxide under conditions of pressure ranging from 235 to 260 bars and temperatures ranging from 40 to 60°C, preferably 45°C. The resulting extract usually has a ~~mirtocumolone~~ myrtucommulone content of 35%.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--Furthermore, the compositions of the invention exert favourable action on the cleanliness of the oral cavity and the removal of the dental plaque, thanks to the effect reducing bacterial adhesiveness, as already mentioned, exerted by bilberry extract and procyanidins, and to the high activity of ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols on anaerobic bacterial strains.—

Page 4, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention also relates to the use of a combination of anthocyanosides, and/or procyanidins, and ~~floroglucinols~~ phloroglucinols, for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of the affections of the oral cavity and upper respiratory tract.—-

Page 5, amend line 11 as follows:

--~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus communis* lipophilic extract—-

Page 5, amend line 25 as follows:

--~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus communis* lipophilic extract—-

Page 7, amend line 10 as follows:

--~~*Mirtus*~~ *Myrtus communis* lipophilic extract--